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Monetary aid to the families of Government servants who die while in service.

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*Q.35. - Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: Will the Hon. the Finance Minister be pleased to state --

(a) What the policy of the Government is in regard to giving monetary aid to the families of (i) non-gazetted officers and (ii) gazetted officers who die while in service; and

(b) the names and designations of the officers who died in service and whose families have been given aid by the Congress Government since it assumed charge in 1946 and the amount of aid given to the family of each of the above officers ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: (a) Every Government servant is ordinarily expected to make reasonable provision for his family and the general policy of the Govt. is therefore not to recognize any claim by the families of Govt. servants who die before retirement. However, in order to provide some relief for the families of low paid Govt. servants who die while in service the Govt. have instituted a scheme of compassionate gratuities. The grant of compassionage gratuities under this scheme is regulated by the Madras Compassionate Gratuities Rules 1932 and Madras Compassionate Gratuities (non-Pensional Establishment Rules 1941). The main features of these rules are:-

(1) The Government may grant a compassionate gratuity to the family of a deceased Government servant whose circumstances (rate of pay etc.) were, in their opinion, such that he could not have made some provision for his family.

(2) Compassionate gratuity shall not ordinarily be granted (i) where the deceased Government servant --

(a) was in receipt of pay exceeding one hundred rupees per mensem or
(b) had rendered less than 10 years service or
(c) had left net assets of value exceeding 24 months' pay.

(The rules, are, of course, relaxed in deserving cases); and

ii) where the application for the grant is submitted more than one year after the death of the Govt. servant unless there are special circumstances for condoning the delay.

(3) The amount of gratuity to be paid in each case is fixed by the Govt. but shall in no case exceed rupees one thousand two hundred or twelve months' pay plus dearness allowance. whichever is less.

(4) The grant may be paid in annual instalments in order to defray the educational expenses of the children of the deceased Government servant.

Families of gazetted officers are generally not eligible for any relief under the scheme. But in very exceptional cases, the Government may make ex-gratia grant for meeting the educational expenses of the children of such Government servants, if they have been left in very indigent circumstances on the merits of each case

The families of all Govt. servants, whether gazetted or non-gazetted who die in the execution of public duties are given gratuities and pension under the extra-ordinary Pension Rules, Madras.

The Government ~~expect~~ expect all Government servants in superior service to take full advantage of the system of G.P.F. in order to ensure some provision of their families in the event of their death while in service. A small monthly subscription to the fund goes on accumulating from year to year and the accumulated savings become payable on retirement or death of subscriber.

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The Re-organisation Committee appointed by the Government has under consideration a proposal to introduce a Pension cum P.F. Scheme with compulsory insurance. The details of the proposed scheme has been referred to certain service associations for remarks.

(b) The number of cases in which monetary aid was given from May 1946 to 31st May 1948 are -

Compassionate gratuities to families of non-gazetted officers - 563

Extraordinary family pension and gratuity to families of non-gazetted officers

Ex-gratia grant to families of gazetted officers.

The list being very long the Govt. consider that no purpose will be served by compiling the names and designations of the officers and the amount of monetary help given in each case.

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: "May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that Govt. officials who die in harness usually cannot make due provision for their families, will the Govt. revise these rules with regard to monetary grants to the families of Govt. servants who die while in service and make them more liberal ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: "I would refer the Hon. Member to the very first sentence of the answer which states that every Govt. servant is expected to make due provision for his family, and may also add that the Reorganisation Committee to be appointed will certainly go into the question.

Abdul Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur: Is the Hon. the Fin. Minister aware that in other places, particularly in some States provision is made for giving gratuity or even pensions to the families of the people who die in harness ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: "I am not aware of any state that has such systems. We have instituted similar benefits for people drawing below Rs.100

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: "Will the Hon. Fin. Minister investigate the practice obtaining in the state of Hyderabad where I understand families of the gazetted officers who die in harness have been receiving pensions ? Will the Hon. Minister see if he cannot adopt this practice in this Province ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: I shall enquire into what is obtaining in Hyderabad State but I may also add that here in this Govt. also gazetted officers in exceptional cases receive ex-gratia payment.

Sri V.M. Ramaswami Mudaliar: Will the Govt. consider instituting compulsory insurance for Govt. servants in order that there may be provision for their families if an untoward event happens ?

The Hon'ble Sri B. Gopala Reddi:- The question of having pension and provident fund is under the consideration of Govt. but the question of compulsory insurance is not under their consideration as far as I am aware.

Sri V.M. Ramaswami Mudaliar: May I know, Sir, whether the question of compulsory insurance for Govt. servants will be taken up as a matter of policy ?

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The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: I shall be very glad to consider the matter if the information is supplied to me.

Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur: Arising out of the answer to the last paragraph furnished will the Hon. Minister define what he means by Extraordinary Family Pension.

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: It means for the education of their children, etc.

Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur: If there is to be provision for the education of the children of non-gazetted officers why not provision be made for the children of the gazetted officers also ?

The Hon'ble Sri B. Gopala Reddi: The gazetted officers are supposed to save some little money for their families.

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: How far has this provincial Government accepted the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission in this matter ?

The Hon'ble Sri B. Gopala Reddi: This Govt. has nothing to do with the Salary Commission of the Government of India.

Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur: May I know Sir, on what basis the Fin. Minister has come to the conclusion that only gazetted officers save money and the non-gazetted officers do not ?

The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi: The non-gazetted officers are those who are paid Rs.200 and below.

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With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Legislative Assembly at pp.7-8 above regarding question No.35, the question of starting a Provident-cum-Insurance-cum Pension Scheme for the servants of this Government is under consideration in the R.R. section. If eventually it is decided upon, it will provide necessary cover against destitution of the families of all Government servants irrespective of pay limits, in the event of their untimely death. No further action is necessary in this file. For purposes of future reference the papers may be

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